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Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001**Report of the Fifth Committee**

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 117 appear in the reports of the Committee contained in documents A/55/713 and Add.1.
2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 64th and 67th meetings, on 21 and 25 May 2001. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/55/SR.64 and 67).
3. For its further consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the outline of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO (A/55/797) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/55/7/Add.10).

II. Consideration of draft decision A/C.5/55/L.78

4. At the 67th meeting, on 25 May, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision entitled "Outline of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO" (A/C.5/55/L.78).
5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (see para. 7).
6. After the adoption of the draft decision, the representative of the United States of America made a statement in explanation of position.



III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

7. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Outline of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO

The General Assembly takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the outline of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO,¹ and concurs with the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon.²

¹ A/55/797.

² A/55/7/Add.10.